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1403- At the request of Bruce Schwartz, I conducted an inspection of the TIFA facility in Millington, NJ. I was accompanied by Greg Cunningham, Division of Water Resources, and Lisa Fleming, Bureau of Pesticides. We were escorted by Mr. Arnold Livingston, TIFA manager, and Mr. Joseph S. Seidel, the counselor for TIFA.

Before proceeding to inspect the facility, we met in the conference room to discuss the purpose of the inspection. Mr. Livingston stated in the conference room that no pesticides are handled at this facility. We examined photographs of the various equipment manufactured and assembled at this plant.

We proceeded to inspect the building. A list of all the tenants was provided and the locations of these tenants was designated on a drawing as we walked past these facilities (See list of tenants).

A full inspection of the facility was conducted. I observed and was informed by Mr. Livingston that fog machines, sprayers, and trailers are manufactured and assembled at the facility. My observation indicated that no apparent use or manufacture of pesticides or other hazardous materials was observed at the time of the inspection. A large amount of space is not presently utilized at the facility.

Mr. Livingston introduced us to a few employees, demonstrating that most of the employee's were foreigners. I observed a stack of recently painted 55 gallon drums at the site. I inquired as to why the paint was still wet and why the drums were painted in the building. Mr. Livingston stated that the drums were used to store fuel oil for equipment testing. They were painted for resale. I inquired about drainage lined in the building. I was assured that no storm drains are accessible in the building, but only sanitary sewer lines. A bathroom and sanitary sewer connection was observed in the area of the empty drums.

In a large room in the building, I observed a large puddle of water, a spray machine and a 55-gallon drum filled with kerosene. Mr. Livingston identified the drums as containing kerosene. The water was attributed to a broken water pipe. Mr. Livingston stated that the sprayer was being tested. He could not elaborate stating that the new device was proprietary.

We proceeded to the outside of the facility and we discussed the history of the asbestos pile. Apparently, the Solid Waste Administration had been actively involved in the asbestos state of affairs in the past. Mr. Seidel stated that correspondence exists between SWA and TIFA.

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the observation of the asbestos pile could not detect if any asbestos was entering the waters of the State. Greg Cunniff and I agreed that the best time to make a determination would be during a rain event. Mr. Cunningham agreed to consider sampling in the future.

#### Conclusion

No usage, handling or manufacture of pesticides was observed during the inspection at the TIFA facility. It appears that the operation consists assembly of spray equipment. No conclusion can be drawn at this time about the discharge of asbestos into the waters of the State from the observations. Additional sampling may be warranted and it should be conducted during a rain event.

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